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SUBJ: BUTHELEZI'S RECENT TRIP TO U.S.

1. MOST RECENT ISSUE OF FINANCIAL MAIL REPORTS CHIEF BUTHELEZI EXPERIENCED PUBLIC-RELATIONS PROBLEMS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO U.S. THRUST OF ARTICLE IS THAT CHIEF EITHER "BORED" OR "OFFENDED" THOSE HE MET AND TRIP WAS "A LET-DOWN FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION AFRICAN STRATEGISTS AND KEY U.S. BLACK LEADERS" FOR WHOM BUTHELEZI IS "MOST FAVORED" BLACK LEADER IN S.A. HIS SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB REPORTEDLY WAS CUT OFF THE AIR AND PRETENTIOUS REMARKS AT URBAN LEAGUE CONGRESS REPORTEDLY WERE LISTENED TO WITH "COLDNESS" BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG, JULIAN BOND AND VERNON JORDAN. FINANCIAL MAIL ADDED THAT "NOTHING MUCH CAME" FROM MEETINGS THE CHIEF WAS TO HAVE WITH LEADING NEW YORK BANKERS.

2. BUTHELEZI'S OWN REMARKS SINCE HIS RETURN FROM U.S. HAVE NOT HINTED AT ANY PROBLEMS. GIVEN HIS INABILITY TO ACCEPT CRITICISM HE IS SOON LIKELY TO RESPOND TO THE MAIL ARTICLE AND WE MAY ALSO BE QUERIED BY PRESS AS TO HIS ACTIVITIES IN U.S. TO ASSIST IN PLACING HIS TRIP IN  
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PERSPECTIVE, WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPT ASSESSMENT OF HIS TRIP INCLUDING WHAT ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT FIGURES CHIEF MET IN U.S. (PRESS REPORTS ONLY STATE HE MET VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE). FOR OUR INFORMATION REACTION OF PRINCIPAL AFRICANISTS TO BUTHELEZI'S VISIT.  
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